HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1025

Introduced by: Representatives Sigdestad, Halverson, Hargens, Roberts, and Street and Senators Hanson (Gary), Moore, and Peterson (Jim)

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Jason Frerichs from Wilmot, South Dakota, for being named American Star in Agricultural Placement when he received the American FFA Degree at the past National FFA Convention.

WHEREAS, much credit for Jason's success should go to his parents, Kent and Faye Frerichs, for their guidance, nurturing, and moral support. Kent was Jason's vocational agriculture instructor and advisor and was also a state representative; and

WHEREAS, Jason's Supervised Agricultural Experience program included working on the Frerichs Family Farm more than three thousand hours and working as a custom applicator spraying nearly twenty-two thousand acres for the local Co-op's customers. Jason has also served this past year as State FFA Vice-President and inspired thousands of young people to strive for the highest goals in all of their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Jason, a student at South Dakota State University, has been recognized for his involvement on campus which includes having served as a Student Association Senator representing the College of Agriculture and Biological Sciences, an Ag-Bio Ambassador, and an active member of Post Secondary Ag Students; and for being involved with Collegiate Farmers Union, Little International, and Alpha Gamma Rho, all while maintaining a high level of academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, Jason served as a Page in the South Dakota House of Representatives in 2003 and served as a Page in the United States Senate during 2001; and

WHEREAS, Jason is active in his community, serving as President of the Roberts County Farmers Union and as a State Delegate to the National Farmers Union Convention, and is actively involved in his church and youth group:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-first Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Jason Frerichs be recognized for this prestigious award of being named the American Star in Agricultural Placement when he was awarded the American FFA Degree at the past

National FFA Convention, which brought recognition to his Wilmot FFA Chapter, the State and National FFA, and the State of South Dakota.